

BUS SERVICES IN THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN



Past, Present & Future

Update Report – November 2024

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- Update on bus services following the April 2024 report
- Accessibility of bus timetables
- Regional partnership working (Cardiff Capital Region City Deal)
- Connections between homes, hospitals, and bus interchanges
- Local Development Plan and future bus routes
- Reintroduction of Greenlinks G1 service



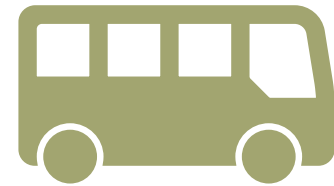
CONTRACTS AND FUNDING

Awarded Contracts for Local Bus Services:

88, 93, 100, 303, 304, 305, 320, 321, B1, B2, B3, X2

Funding Sources:

- Council funding: £470,000
- Bus Service Support Grant (BSSG): £380,490
- Bus Network Grant (BNG): £2,104,245



RECENT BUS NETWORK CHANGES

Adventure Travel

Service B3 – Increased midday & late-afternoon journeys (from August 2024)

Cardiff Bus

Service 7 – Extension to Penarth Town Centre (from September 2024)

Service 92 – Timetable change (from September 2024)

Service 95 – Extended to Barry Island (from September 2024)

First Cymru

Services 303, 304, X2, 320, 321 – Revised timetables for reliability (June–September 2024)



PROMOTION OF BUS SERVICES

- Summer 2024 Promotion - Free travel on Service 303 (funded by S106 contributions)
- Promotion of My Travel Pass (1/3 off bus fares for 16-21-year-olds)
- Distribution of printed timetables at libraries and Council offices
- Social media campaigns for wider engagement
- Real-time information via e-displays in collaboration with Transport for Wales (TfW)



ACCESSIBILITY OF BUS TIMETABLES

- Compliance with Department for Transport's Inclusive Transport Strategy
- Features: Clear fonts, high-contrast colour schemes, larger print for accessibility.
- Digital Access: Timetables with online contact details and digital options.
- 74 Electronic Displays across Vale for real-time info.



CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION CITY DEAL

Funded projects like the Barry Dock Interchange.

Corporate Joint Committees (CJCs):
Collaboration between local authorities
for coordinated transport planning.

The Regional Transport Plan and
scheme prioritization matrix for a
cohesive public transport network
across 10 local authority areas.

Ongoing discussions for bus service
franchising (2029/30).



CONNECTIVITY – HOMES, HOSPITALS, AND MISSING BUS STOPS

Efforts to improve access to healthcare and employment (University Hospital of Wales, Llandough).

Some passengers may need to take multiple services to reach destinations

First Cymru addressing reliability issues with X2.

Potential for future bus interchange at Culverhouse Cross.



LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Public Transport Considerations in RLDP:

Future housing developments to affect bus services.

Service diversions and frequency increases as demand grows.

- Service 88 will divert via new housing developments.
- Service 95 to serve Asda section via Ffordd-y-Mileniwm.
- Service 905 will serve Rhoose Point.

Franchising Model

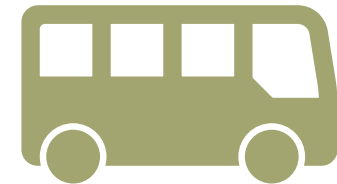
Easier control of services, with commercial operators phased out in favor of public sector control post-2029.



REINTRODUCTION OF GREENLINKS GI SERVICE

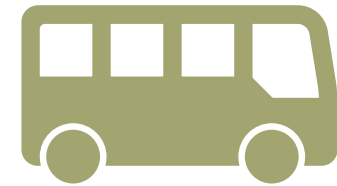
Details of reintroduction to be provided in
a future report to Committee

Membership survey due to be undertaken
to get views on what is wanted/required by
members of the service



FUTURE FUNDING & COMMERCIAL SERVICES

- The ongoing sustainability of services relies on annual funding.
- If funding is reduced, service cuts may occur.
- Remaining commercial services: 92, 94/94b, 96
- Limited growth in commercial services in the Vale.



THANK YOU

Questions Welcome

